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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

~~Applicant:~~ Jürgen Veil
~~Serial No.:~~ 10/054,292
~~Filed:~~ November 13, 2001
~~For:~~ METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRINTING OF A
SUBSTRATE FOR PREPARING OF PACKAGING BLANKS
~~Examiner:~~ Dan Colilla
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003 requiring restriction of the application to one of the two inventions grouped as follows:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 16-18, drawn to a method for printing, classified in class 101, subclass 491; and
- II. Claims 13-15, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 101, subclass 424.1.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I: Claims 1-12 and 16-18, drawn to a method for printing. Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the forgoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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